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under Supression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956.

Conclusion

240. The activities of the Juvenile Department during the year were mainly confined to the Bombay and Madras (Bellary and South Kanara Districts) areas of the State, where the provisions of the different social welfare Acts are in force. Steps were being taken to frame uniform laws applicable to all the areas of the State. With the framing of uniform laws and with the application of the two Central Acts—Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956, and the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958 to this State, it is hoped to achieve considerable progress during the coming years in the sphere of welfare of men, women and children.

(v) Civil Justice

241. *High Court.*—On the last day of the year nine judges were working in the High Court. The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

Receipts and Charges

242. The total receipts and charges of the High Court for the year were Rs. 3,00,211-12 (Rs. 2,04,222-12) and Rs. 7,61,865-20 (Rs. 4,77,289-19) respectively.

Regular Appeals

243. The number of Regular Appeals instituted during the year was 340 (183). Out of 1,580 Regular Appeals for disposal, 152 (267) appeals of the aggregate value of Rs. 7,74,079-60 Rs. 12,68,526-80) were disposed of leaving 1,428 (1,240) appeals pending at the end of the year. The average duration of 152 appeals disposed of during the year was 1,248·6 (917·5) days.

Second Appeals

244. The number of Second Appeals instituted during the year was 1,104(710) bringing the total in all including 2,564 pending from the previous year to 3,668. Of these, 534 were disposed of leaving 3,134 appeals pending at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 804·7 (473·1) days.

Miscellaneous Appeals

245. Out of a total of 402 Miscellaneous Appeals, 106 appeals were disposed of during the year.

Civil Revision Petitions

246. Out of a total of 2,807 (1,929) Civil Revision Petitions, 1,264(403) were disposed of during the year.

Writ Petitions

247. Out of a total of 633 (536) writ petitions, 228 (258) appeals were disposed of during the year.

248. On the whole, the out-turn of work on the civil side by the High Court was more than 1½ times the disposals during the previous year, *viz.* 2,491 (1,617).

Number of Courts

249. *Courts Subordinate to the High Court.*—The number of officers exercising appellate or original jurisdiction at the end of the year was 150.

Receipts and Charges

250. The total receipts and charges of the courts subordinate to the High Court amounted to Rs. 31,87,993-70 and Rs. 52,52,177-33 respectively.

Institution of Suits

251. A total of 50,987 original and small cause suits were instituted during the year, and 51,757 suits were disposed of, leaving 26,523 pending at the end of the year. The number instituted in the Courts of District Judges was 249 and the number disposed of was 266, leaving 413 pending at the end of the year. In the Courts of Civil Judges and Subordinate Judges the institutions were 3,094 and 7,296 respectively and the disposals were 3,079 and 7,143 respectively, leaving 3,733 and 2,744 suits respectively pending at the end of the year. In the Courts of Munsiffs and of the Civil Judges the institutions and disposals of original suits were 30,065 and 31,178 respectively, leaving 16,816 pending at the end of the year. The total number of small cause suits instituted and disposed of were 10,283 and 10,091 respectively leaving 2,817 pending at the end of the year.

252. The average duration of contested suits was 374·1 days and of uncontested suits it was 128·7 days. The average duration of contested original suits was 418·4 days and of small cause suits it was 183·4 days.

Miscellaneous Cases

253. Out of 45,363 miscellaneous cases including the cases pending from the previous year, 37,834 cases were disposed of during the year leaving 7,529 cases pending at the end of the year.

Execution of Decrees

254. Out of 85,356 Execution applications for disposal during the year, 55,256 were disposed of leaving 30,100 pending at the end of the year. The number pending over one year was 7,557. Of the Execution applications disposed of, 27,955 or 50·5 per cent were infructuous. The total amount realised in the execution of decrees was Rs. 1,15,04,536-20.

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Insolvency Applications

255. Out of 367 Insolvency applications for disposal during the year, 176 were disposed of leaving 191 pending at the end of the year. In 66 cases receivers were appointed. The total amount of insolvents' assets realised during the year was Rs. 44,386-89 and the amount disbursed to creditors was Rs. 33,660-27.

Regular Appeals

256. Out of 8,910 Regular Appeals for disposal during the year, 3,573 were disposed of leaving 5,337 pending at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 362·7 days.

Miscellaneous Appeals

257. Out of 2,260 Miscellaneous Appeals for disposal during the year, 1,249 were disposed of leaving 1,011 pending at the end of the year. The average duration of the appeals disposed of was 218·4 days.

Receipts and Charges

258. The total receipts and charges of the Civil Courts (including the High Court) during the year were Rs. 34,83,355-32 and Rs. 60,14,042-33 respectively.

Legal Practitioners.

259. *Advocates.*—The number of Advocates enrolled during the year was 97 (129) bringing the total number on the roll at the end of the year to 1,927(1,830).

260. *Pleaders.*—The total number of Pleaders newly enrolled was 205(148) bringing the total number of Pleaders on the last day of the year to 1,565 (1,360).

261. Fixation of the cadres of Judicial Officers in the State, upgrading the cadre of the Non-Gazetted Judicial Officers and creation of uniform system in regard to the administrative control over the subordinate magistracy in all the areas of the State were under consideration of Govment during the year.

(vi) Criminal Justice.

262. *High Court:*—The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

Appeals

263. The number of Criminal Appeals instituted during the year was 397 (310). Out of 838 appeals involving 1,135 persons including 441 appeals involving 620 persons pending from the previous year, 237 (99) appeals involving 313 (146) persons were disposed of leaving 601 appeals involving 822 persons pending at the end of the year. Out of the appeals disposed of, in 112 appeals involving 163 persons the convictions and sentences were